

## NATIONAL HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

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Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany proposed amendment to H. R. 12833.]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Scott to the bill (H. R. 12833) making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, and for other purposes, viz: Insert the following: "To aid in the reconstruction and completion of the building of the National Homeopathic Hospital, one hundred thousand dollars," having considered the same make a favorable report thereon and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The proposed amendment was submitted to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and was returned by them with the following favorable recommendation:

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
Washington, March 9, 1904.

DEAR SIR: In response to your request for the views of the Commissioners relative to the amendment intended to be proposed by you to House bill 12833, to appropriate \$100,000, "To aid in the reconstruction and completion of the building of the National Homeopathic Hospital," the Commissioners have the honor to transmit herewith the inclosed report from the Board of Charities of the District of Columbia, in which they concur.

Very respectfully,

HENRY B. F. MACFARLAND,  
President Board of Commissioners District of Columbia.

HON. J. H. GALLINGER,  
Chairman Committee on the District of Columbia, United States Senate.

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BOARD OF CHARITIES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
Washington, D. C., March 8, 1904.

DEAR SIR: Referring to the accompanying proposed amendment to the District of Columbia appropriation bill, appropriating \$100,000 to aid in the reconstruction and completion of the National Homeopathic Hospital, the following is respectfully submitted:

As a matter of principle the Board of Charities has heretofore expressed itself as not in favor of the policy of granting appropriations of public funds for the purchase

of grounds or the construction of buildings, the title to and the management of which vests in private corporations.

Notwithstanding such recommendations on the part of this board, Congress, in its wisdom, has given \$750,000 in recent years to other hospitals owned and controlled by private corporations, and we respectfully submit that it is simple justice that a sufficient appropriation should be made for this hospital.

By order of the board.

GEO. S. WILSON, *Secretary.*

Hon. H. B. F. MACFARLAND,

*President Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia.*

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